

RE: SB 385, AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS MADE TO ANY RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

The safety of our infrastructure, our customers, and our employees is of paramount importance to the Naugatuck Railroad. Having the ability to quickly react to the application of herbicides along the Railroad's property insures that the Federally-mandated track inspections and noting of defects will take place in the most accurate way possible. Being able to keep vegetative growth from damaging railroad infrastructure and cargo, and interfering with employee's duties is mandated by the Federal authorities.

Our certified contractors already employ methods which are State approved and they are responsible for keeping accurate records. There are times when the application window must be changed on very short notice to the railroad (adverse weather conditions, contractor availability), and having to re-issue this notice puts an undue burden on both the contractor and railroad.

The Naugatuck Railroad is not in favor of this bill.

Thank you,  
Allan L Galanty,  
Vice-President, Naugatuck Railroad.